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'Grease" was the word at Elk Point Skating Club carnival

Elk Point Skating Club's entire cast of 'Grease,' including the famous 'Greased Lightning' hot rod gathered for one final photo after successfully completing another year of skating lessons and showing off their skills with a tremendous year-end carnival performance for proud families and friends. Story and more photos, Pages 6 and 12.

Town distributes 2012 MSI grants

By Clare Gauvreau
Review Staff

Elk Point Town Council distributed $138,000 in 2012 Municipal Sustainability Initiative grants during last Monday's council meeting. The following organizations received funding to offset their operational costs: Elk Point Allied Arts Society - $20,000, Elk Point Ag. Society - $3,000, Elk Point Golf and Country Club - $23,000, Heritage Lodge - $3,000, Lions Club - $3,600, Jack & Jill Playschool - $5,000, Minor Ball - $5,000 and the Curling Club - $20,000.

Three town programs also received MSI funding: FCSS - $22,000, Library - $23,400 and School Liaison Worker program - $10,000.

Elk Point received a total of $470,641 in MSI funding in 2012. Of that, $328,074 was allocated for capital funding and $142,567 was earmarked for operating funding.

"We have to look at these case by case," Mayor Parrish Tung said. "It's not a responsible move for us to say we've got a 140-some thousand, here you go, you apply, you get all the money that you want. That is not right."

EDO funding

Council revisited its Feb. 25 motion to fund a part-time economic development officer position for the Town with funding from the Elk Point Economic Development Committee (EDC) budget. Tung reported that following the meeting, he had been in contact with EDC chairperson Melanie Poulin and she indicated it was not the committee's intent to have the Town fund the position out of the committee's budget.

EDC members Shirley Harms and Curtis Porcina were on hand to reaffirm the EDC's position that the EDO be funded by the Town through its general operations.

"We are just here to clear this up and find out how we can work together to get the goal done," Harms said.

Subsequently, Coun. Eugene Buck moved that the motion to hire an EDO be amended to read that the Town use its general operating budget to pay for the position, which was approved.

Request denied

A request from a local businessman asking council to amend the zoning bylaw to allow employees to be housed in the same building as the business will not be pursued by council.

"I would like to leave it the way it is and if the business owner wants to have his living quarters in it, fine, but not open it up to employees or open to anybody," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said.

The rest of council agreed.

MD Foundation

Council approved Elk Point's share of the 2013 MD of St. Paul Foundation requisition of $39,266.23.

According to a letter from the MD Foundation, the organization has approved a deficit budget for the 2013 operating year based on the fact the foundation is experiencing 17 vacancies resulting in an approximate revenue shortfall of $170,000 and expected increases in such budget items as food and utilities.

Peewee hockey

Council refused a request from the Peewee Avalanche hockey team to assist with its costs of attending provincials. The Town only provides grant assistance when the provincial competition is being hosted by a local team.

Town website

Coun. Yaremkevich said he has received complaints regarding the Town's website that it has outdated information.

"Our website has to be up to date," he said, noting there is outdated contact information and council minutes haven't been posted on the site since last year. He asked administration if there is a reason that the contractor is not keeping the site current.

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Busy winter for CAPC partners

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

The second half of winter has been a busy time for many of the agencies and groups that make up the Elk Point and Area Community Advisory Policing Committee, according to updates provided by members at the March 13 meeting.

CAPC chair Deanna Easthope brought the lack of a vice-chair to everyone's attention, noting that she has both holiday plans and the intention to retire later this year, and while it is "important to have a FCSS representative on the committee," the new representative might not wish to take over as chair. Elk Point Victim Services coordinator Dawn Lavallee was elected by acclamation to fill the vice chair post.

The newly elected president of the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch, Orest Sereda, was introduced by his predecessor, Levina Ewasiuk, and received a warm welcome from the members. Ewasiuk said she appreciated the hospitality she had been shown by the committee, and "I feel you do a really good job here." She praised Sereda for his efforts in getting information about the Alberta Rural Crime Watch poster contest into the schools, which resulted in an Elk Point Elementary student becoming one of the winners.

Sereda told the group that one of RCW's most pressing duties this year is to rewrite the bylaws. With 450 paid memberships but minimal representation from the western portion of the region, he would also like to see more members get involved, and noted, "even St. Paul area people aren't coming to the meetings, probably because the group was inactive for about five years." While meetings were held alternately in Elk Point and St. Paul after the group became active again, they are now held in St. Paul "to try to attract that membership." The next meeting is March 21 at 7 p.m. at the County of St. Paul office.

"We're making small steps and keeping going," Sereda concluded.

The committee welcomed back Community Justice worker Anne Fayant of Fishing Lake, whose duties rarely allow her time to come to the meetings. She reported that she has "really good people working with us" and has had a busy few months, but thanks to the Elk Point RCMP Detachment, everything has been dealt with.

"Sometimes it feels like a revolving door with some of our youth," who have proved to be frequent offenders, she said. " The Settlement Act says we can ban people from the community. The council has done this before, but never with youth. It's not something we advocate," but it could come to that, she added. "It's all people hear about, and it hurts our community."

Fayant is also a Victim Services advocate and works with the Youth Justice Committee which is a joint venture of Fishing Lake and Frog Lake, which has been inactive for the past year, but which "gives us the opportunity to have some say" in the fate of young offenders.

Margaret Modin spoke on behalf of the Elk Point's seniors, noting that they are "a very active group, participating in all available activities." That group's main concern is ensuring the continued operation of the Elk Point Health Centre, which now has four active beds open. She handed out information on an upcoming meeting of the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council, March 21 at St. Paul's Centennial Senior Citizens' Opportunity Club and urged everyone to attend.

Town Coun. Ron Fraess stated that Alberta Health Services "has told us emphatically that (health centre closure) is not happening."

On behalf of the FCSS, Easthope reported that the volunteer income tax program is once again underway for residents of Elk Point and surrounding areas who need help with the basic tax returns. She noted that the EcoCentre's alarm system is finally in use for added security for both workers and contents.

Oil patch representative Al Pankiw submitted information on the recent arrest of two individuals caught in the act of stealing from a well site near Clandonald, with the subsequent discovery of a large cache of stolen items.

County Coun. Dwight Dach said the county's focus at this time is "looking after the roads, working on the budget and gearing up for spring."

Coun. Fraess said the town has had little success in dealing with pack ice on streets, and suggested, "be careful where you walk."

F. G. Miller High School's Sherry Bower-Gagne told the committee that gym renovations are ahead of schedule. She thanked the local RCMP for their visibility and walk-throughs. The school's dance was a success, and the PUPs have a school spirit game coming up, a chocolate sale underway, and plan to visit the Hope Mission in May.

Lavallee said Victim Services has been busy lately, and has two new advocates training and more interest shown in becoming pat of the group. National Victims of Crime Week is coming up April 21 to 27, and an information session on human trafficking is planned for April 25 in Elk Point in conjunction with that.

The meeting wound up with a report from RCMP Sgt. Dave Casey, who outlined circumstances connected with a recent police pursuit of a high-risk offender that he was "happy to see taken into custody." The RCMP has done "extensive work" with CNRL in the oil patch that resulted in the arrest of two individuals by the Vermilion RCMP and the retrieval of stolen property from well sites. Most recently, the Elk Point detachment dealt with a domestic incident involving a firearm that resulted in streets being blocked off and surrounding residences being evacuated. The members have also been patrolling the Iron Horse Trail with snowmobiles.

Sgt. Casey is currently preparing the detachment's annual performance plan, and he asked for input from CAPC members who expressed a variety of needs, including visibility, fan-outs regarding incidents that could be a danger to area residents, curbs to underage drinking, and resumption of the DARE and PARTY programs for children and teens.

Town council

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CAO Myron Goyan said his staff is concerned that the information is being provided to the contractor but it is not being put on the site.

"I don't like this system one bit," Goyan said of the current arrangement, adding it would make more sense for his staff to be able to post information themselves. "He won't give us access to do it ourselves."

"If you're spending $200 a month on junk you don't keep spending it just because the other guy wants $250 to sell you something decent. You don't stay with the junk just because you're saving money," Coun. Fraess commented.

"Really all we need is some section in the site that we can use as a chalkboard to write and erase ourselves," Coun. Eugene Buck said. "His concern is giving people access to the site, they corrupt the whole file, wreck the whole thing and he has to build it from scratch."

Council instructed administration to invite the contractor to the next council meeting to discuss concerns with the website.

Hospital

Mayor Tung reported that four of the 12 acute care beds were now open at the Elk Point Healthcare Centre.

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As of March 15, all medevac flights from northern Alberta will land at Edmonton International Airport.

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Stair climb no problem for double lung transplant recipient

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

Three days short of two years after receiving a double lung transplant at the University of Alberta Hospital, Morris Irvine of Lindbergh supported the Lung Association of Alberta and the Northwest Territories by climbing 20 flights of stairs at the Coast Edmonton Plaza as part of the inaugural Boardwalk Rental Communities Stair Climb for Clean Air.

The long climb "didn't bother me a bit," Irvine said. "I could have gone further."

Irvine had the honour of cutting the ribbon to start the event before he headed up the stairs right behind a group of firemen wearing their full complement of firefighting gear, and said their added burdens didn't slow them down. "They're used to it." Close to 150 other climbers followed the leaders.

The climb raised more than $150,000 for research, education and awareness about respiratory disease, with some of the contributions coming from large corporations.

Irvine also gave an inspiring message as part of his involvement in the event, and later was interviewed by both print and television media. He was happy to have those opportunities to spread the message about the need for transplant donors, who give others a second chance at life or a better quality of life. "Everything I can do, I do" to promote the cause, he said.

"People die every day because there are no donors," he noted, adding that Alberta has the worst per capita record for organ donations. He feels that education plays a part in alleviating that problem, because "so many people don't have a clue that you can donate." He also noted that it is very important that the family of a would-be donor be aware of their loved one's wish to donate organs, so they would permit the organs to be used. An organ registry is being set up, and he feels this is a step in the right direction, and will help facilitate the transplant process.

Meanwhile, back in Lindbergh, Irvine is busy planning the second annual Second Chance Trail Ride, slated for May 11. "The hall is booked, the supper is arranged for and we're getting sponsors on board," he said, looking forward to the time when he can hook up his favourite team and head down the Iron Horse Trail on the first journey of the year, while raising funds and awareness for this lifesaving cause.

Egg Hunt is back!

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

Which comes first, the breakfast or the egg?

In the case of the Elk Point Firefighters' Association's Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast, it's the breakfast.

For the fourth year in a row, the firefighters will be at the fire hall bright and early on Good Friday morning, moving the fire trucks outdoors to make room for rows of tables and chairs, and firing up the grills and mixing gallons of batter for a mountain of pancakes. At 9 a.m., they'll open the doors and invite residents of all ages from Elk Point and the surrounding area to come in for a free pancake breakfast.

With the morning off to a good start, excitement among the youngsters in the crowd will mount as 10 a.m. approaches, as they await the call for their age groups to be called up for the Easter Egg Hunt. Groups aged four and under, five to eight and nine to 12 will each have an opportunity to hunt out the Easter Bunny's secret stash, including one golden egg for each age group. The golden egg qualifies the child that finds it for a special prize. Bring along your baskets, kids!

Everyone is welcome to come and start off Good Friday with a great breakfast and some good fun at the Elk Point Fire Hall, 5301 Railway Avenue. We'll see you there!

County council updated on area's crime statistics

By Janice Huser
Review Contributor

Sgt. Darrell McPherson of the St. Paul RCMP detachment took time to speak to County of St. Paul councillors on March 12 during council's last regular meeting regarding crime statistics within the municipality.

McPherson handed out a statistics sheet to councillors with a 2012 year-end summary report included for offences within the County of St. Paul.

Some of the offences committed include 31 assaults, 11 uttering threats, three sexual assaults, two other sexual offences, 11 break and enters, nine thefts of motor vehicle, 36 mischief to property, and 23 disturbing the peace.

In 2011 there were 57 assaults, 17 uttering threats, two sexual assaults, 27 break and enters, 13 thefts of motor vehicle, 46 mischief to property, and 23 disturbing the peace.

The total injury MVCs in 2012 was 17 for both 2011 and 2012, according to the statistic sheets. The number of provincial traffic offences was also similar in both years with 144 in 2011 and 134 in 2012. But the number of criminal code traffic offences went from 47 in 2011 to 80 in 2012.

Coun. Frank Sloan mentioned his concern about increased traffic on Hwy 28 and traffic on Hwy 881 north. McPherson agreed that since his time in St. Paul he has noticed the increase in traffic on area highways.

Coun. Glen Ockerman brought up his concern of vehicles using after-market headlights, which he feels are "a menace on the highways."

Council thanked the RCMP for patrolling local lakes during the spring and summer months, and McPherson said the detachment plans to patrol those areas again this season.

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THANK YOU

The Elk Point Trailriders Snowmobile Club is happy to announce that our antique snowmobile rally on March 2nd was a complete success. We had a great turnout with registrants of all ages coming from as far as Edmonton. We would especially like to thank our local community and all the following businesses for their incredible support and sponsorship that makes this annual event possible.

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyebode

- National Poison Prevention Week in Canada is March 17 to 23. It's a good time to check your home to see how you store dangerous chemicals and cleaning solutions. Look at your medication storage, too. Ensure all these products are kept out of reach of children and educate your older children about the signs of poisoning and have them help keep the younger children safe.
- In Canada, 50% of pregnancies are unplanned. Many women aren't aware of emergency contraception options. These are available from your pharmacist who can explain how to use them. If used within 24 hours of unprotected sex, these products can reduce the risk of pregnancy by 95%.
- Speaking of pregnancy, it is well-known that women who plan to get pregnant should start taking a vitamin supplement containing folic acid (at least 0.4mg daily). This product will prevent neural tube defects in the brain and spinal cord. It has been suggested that all sexually-active women take folic acid in case of an unplanned pregnancy.
- Some eye drops have to be shaken before each use to get the proper dose. When instilling drops, pull the lower eyelid down forming a small pouch. After instilling the drop into that pouch, gently close the eyes for 30 seconds while pressing the bridge of the nose so the drop doesn't move out of the eye through the tear duct.
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Editorial

Go Avs Go!

It's been a few years since Elk Point Minor Hockey has had a team competing in a provincial championship, and it's great to see that happening once again.

Since our Peewee Avalanche hosted Provincials in 2008 as the zone champions, our local teams have had problems - finding enough players to make up a team, being tiered with teams that were not of equal calibre, even finding coaches has sometimes been a problem. As players moved up in age, many chose to play in larger centres, which has meant that Elk Point has been unable to ice a team in that age group. Hopefully, this year's peewee team will choose to stick together and represent us at bantam and midget levels in the future.

Good luck in Redwater, Avs! We're all cheering for you!

Way Back When...

Grand challenge, big contract, health council

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of March 19 in...

1988

Gordon McCuaig presented the Westmin Resources trophies to grand challenge winners Ron Dinkel, Henry Stang, Ed Rogoz and Brian Robinson of Alchem at the Fifth Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel. It was a new ballgame for the recreation land as town council almost went into extra innings, with two teams of councilors going to bat for their preferred ball diamond layout.

1993

A $5,116,477 contract for the 30-bed long term care addition and renovations to Elk Point Hospital was awarded to Aman Building Corporation of Sherwood Park, MLA John Drobot told Hospital Board chair John Mohyluk and hospital administrator Clem Johnson. Elk Point Skating Club saluted Broadway at their annual carnival, with Triple Gold skaters Elisabeth Ludlage and Shauna Loughran among the stars of the show.

1998

Community Health Council chair D. W. Tolley and local board member Carol Maas visited town council to explain the purpose of the CHC and provide an update on its activities. MLA Paul Langevin made the big snip as Servus Credit Union officially opened its Elk Point branch, with John Yettaw as manager.

2003

Elk Point's new fire truck would be purchased from reserves, the $250,000 purchase unanimously approved after council took one last round of studying financing options and the cost of repairing and recertifying the existing truck. The Community Advisory Policing Committee tackled the problem of collision potential at the intersection of Highways 41 and 646, and planned to lobby for a turning lane on Highway 41.

2008

Elk Point Avalanche hosted the Peewee 'D' Battle of Alberta, with honorary host chairman Doug Bassett dropping the puck between the Avs' Trever Ballas and Bow Island captain Colby Bechtold at the opening ceremonies. The Town of Elk Point brought back a staff position that had been scrapped several councils ago, crating the position of Recreation Coordinator to assist a community that Mayor Parrish Tung said was "volunteered out."

Guest Column

Necessary recovery

deanna **EASTHOPE**
from the FCSS desk

On March 7 the new Provincial budget was released. It was different, creative and a suggested solution. Some felt it was painful as their area was being hit. Budgets always seem to do that – especially if cut backs have to be made. However, it is a suggested solution to a complicated problem. We now have a capital budget, an operational budget and a savings budget. That is creative and it allows us to look at things differently. What has been subtracted is the basic revenue less the expenses type of budget. So it is going to take us all a few days to digest and understand the whole reality of what the budget means or the implications of what the budget is outlining.

Anyway, it is a new idea that was creative in trying to solve a complicated complex problem. It reminds me of a poem that is often quoted. It is "The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole.

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide-
Why build you this bridge at the evening tide?"
The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today,
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

It is interesting that *The Bridge Builder* is a poem written by the acclaimed author Will Allen Dromgoole (a woman). She was born October 26, 1860 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and died on September 1, 1934. She wrote over 7,500 poems; 5,000 essays; and published 13 books. The question you are now asking is, :"Why is a female using a male name to be noted as the author of this poem?" The poem was probably written in 1900 and history tells us women were not acknowledged for their achievements during that time period. Hence, women had to use a male name in order to be recognized. Today women are being recognized for their accomplishments as well as non-accomplishments. Life has done a 360, they say.

Anyway, how does "The Bridge Builder" relate to the new provincial budget that was released on March 7? Instead of not building a bridge to deal with problems, a woman Premier, Premier Alison Redford had Finance Minister Doug Horner present the 2013-14 budget that showed how some parts of Alberta's financial problems can be fixed in a creative way – thus a bridge is now being built. One hundred and thirteen years after the poem was written, the poem still has meaning to someone trying to make things better for those who follow.

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Dwayne Vogel receives his three- year 4-H Leader award from Wolke Cueva

4-H Multi Club report

By Wolke Cueva
Club Reporter

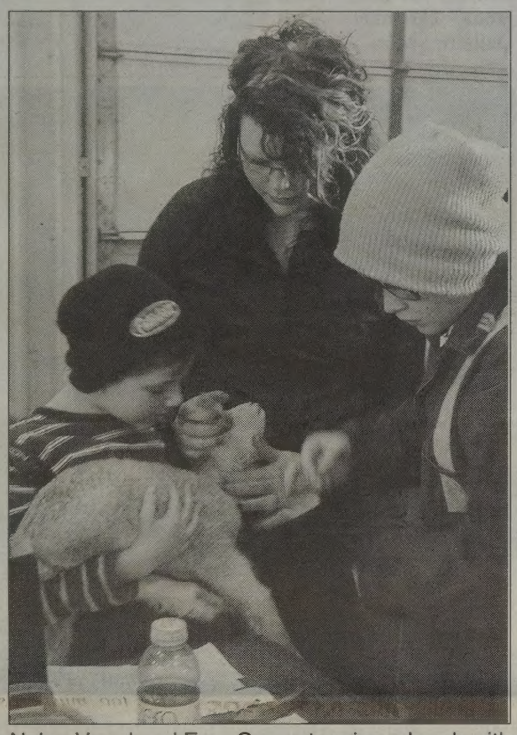
At our last meeting Dwayne Vogel received a Provincial Achievement award acknowledging three years of service as a 4-H leader. Congratulations, Mr. Vogel.

On Saturday March 9 the Elk Point 4-H Lamb project members went to Vermilion and visited the Lakeland College sheep facility. They were just in time to see two baby lambs being born. They spent the rest of the morning weighing, injecting, tagging, and docking some baby lambs. They got to see the baby lamb orphans and an assisted birth.

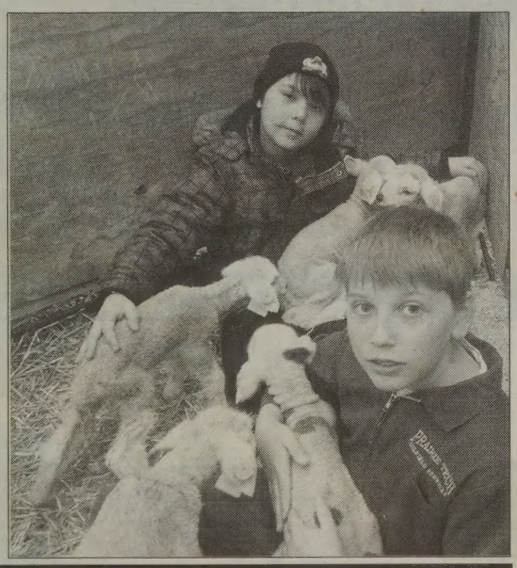
Afterwards, lunch was served at the Prairie Tech shop and some work was done on the Lamb record books. The afternoon ended with a discussion on possible trips for the rest of the year. It was decided that the Lamb Project members will attend the 4-H Provincial Sheep Show in Olds on July 11-13 this summer.

The next Multi Club event will be a Tobogganing party at the Klatt Ranch on March 24.

Watch next week's issue for a report on the club's ski trip to Kinosoo Ridge.



Nolan Vogel and Eros Cueva tagging a Lamb with some help from the Lakeland College students.



Carson Vogel and Wolke Cueva with the orphan lambs at Lakeland College.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013
St. Louis Parish Hall, 5011 - 49th Avenue, Bonnyville, AB

EVENING AGENDA
5:00 p.m. Meet & Greet
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:15 p.m. Guest Speaker:
- Honourable Diana McQueen - Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

"Paradigm Shift: Environmental Monitoring in Alberta"

7:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting *including:*
- Election of three Directors (Community) and two Alternate Directors (Commmunity) to LICA's Board of Directors.
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HIGHLIGHTS

March 12, 2013
Council Meeting

Fire Permits – Just a reminder that Fire Permits are required for all types of open burning within the County.

Summer Hours for Landfills – Effective April 1, 2013 the Manned Landfill Sites will revert to summer hours. The Elk Point, St. Edouard, St. Lina, Vincent Lake, and Whitney Lake sites will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ashmont will be open on Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mallaig will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Continued Full Operation of Elk Point Health Centre – Council will be sending a letter to Alberta Health Services supporting the continued full operation of the Elk Point Health Centre. Registered nurse staffing shortages has resulted in the closure of acute care beds and a reduction of emergency room services which is putting strain on the neighboring Health Care facilities. Due to the growing population and increased oil activity in the area, it is critical to maintain full operation of the Elk Point Health Centre.

Bylaws – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2013-04 to license the road allowance located between SE 17 and SW 16-59-11-W4 so the lessee can graze livestock on the road allowance. The proposed license agreement will be advertised before it receives final agreement.

Council also gave first reading to Bylaw 2013-07 to Rezone PNE 35-58-10-W4 from Agricultural to one lot of industrial/commercial and 3 lots of residential. A public hearing on this proposed rezoning will be held at the April Council meeting.

Emergent Resolution – For funding of Approved Water for Life Projects based on Actual Total Costs was approved by Council and will be presented at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Spring Convention. The resolution is requesting that the AAMD&C advocate on behalf of municipalities for the Government of Alberta to continue to fund projects through the Water for Life program at the approved percentage of the estimate rather than at the amount indicated in the approval letter to reflect actual costs. The resolution is also requesting that the Government of Alberta ensures that current approved projects are funded based on actual total costs prior to the approval of new projects under the Water for Life Program.

Proceeds from Rodeo Supper – The NEAT Track Club and the 1st St. Paul Pathfinders, Girl Guides will be the recipients of the proceeds from the Rodeo supper on Friday, August 30th.

Volunteer Income Tax Program – Trained volunteers will be in the County Office every Tuesday until the end of March to complete income tax returns free of charge. They will also be in at the St. Paul Senior Citizens Hall and Sunnyside Manor on March 21, from 1-4 pm. To find out if you qualify for this service and to set up an appointment, call 780-645-1950.

Funding

- $500 – Ashmont Sr. Girls Basketball Team to attend Provincials
- $500 – Elk Point Pee Wee and St. Paul Pee Wee hockey teams to attend Provincials
- $1,000 – Travel Grant for St. Paul Senior Citizens Club

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.

'Grease' a delight on ice

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

'Grease' was definitely the word on Saturday, when Elk Point Skating Club presented that classic portrayal of the 1950s at their 2013 ice carnival.

Pink Ladies Paige Skarsen and Kaylee Radcliffe opened the show with a duet to the title song, and were joined on ice by fellow senior skaters Candice Braun, Cynthia Schaap and Janyka Evans-Anderson as Sandy and the other Pink Ladies, Kaiden Evans-Anderson, Chyanne Fisher, Keanna Radcliffe and Catherine Noftall as Danny and the T-Birds for "Summer Lovin'."

Senior Starskater Natasha Demers and junior Starskater Darcie Cromwell performed a duet, "Rock and Roll Party Queen," with Darcie coming right back out with fellow junior Starskaters Ayvah Smith, Aurora Smith, Chantelle Guerzon and Christine Guerzon and Canskaters Desiree Garrett, Lauryn Smith, Rian Skarsen, Aiden Povashcuk, Kyra Ockerman, Vanessa Ginez and Shairenne Ginez to slow the tempo to "Blue Moon."

The Senior Starskaters were back with a rockin' rendition of "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee" before Natasha Demers performed her show solo, "Hopelessly Devoted."

The big red hot rod that was part of one of the best sets ever took centre ice for the Pre Power Skaters' number, "Greased Lightning," starring Bo Fontaine, Ryan Cameron, Rylee Anderson, Kayl Warawa, Vaughn Ockerman, Brendon Haesch-Baker and Rolf Evans-Anderson.

Teenage angst came to the fore before the intermission, as the Junior Starskaters performed to "Beauty School Dropout."

Chyanne Fisher and Cynthia Schaap opened the second half with their duet, declaring "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay," followed by a tremendous dance-off to "Hound Dog" by sister and brother duo, Janyka and Kaiden Evans-Anderson.

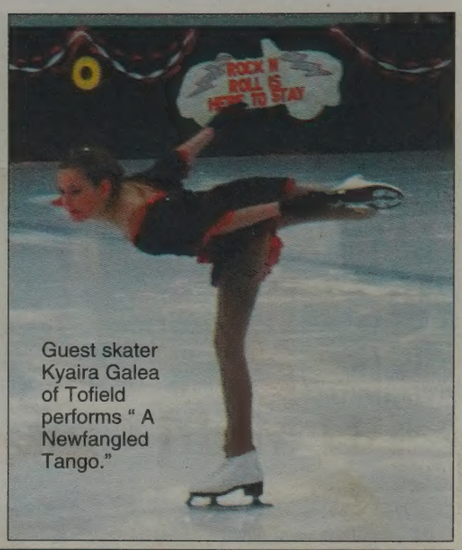
The Canskaters came back with another rock-and-roll classic, "Born to Hand Jive" before the tempo slowed again for Candace Braun's show program to "Sandy" and Keanna Radcliffe and Catherine Noftall's soulful duet, "There Are Worse Things I Could Do."

Guest skater Kyaira Galea from Tofield was a big hit with her well-executed number, "A Newfangled Tango."

The final duet of the day was by the stars of the show, as Sandy and Danny (Candace and Kaiden) discovered, "You're the One That I Want."

The entire cast was on the ice for the grand finale, having a great time to "We Go Together."

Coaches and assistants Dennell Anderson, Natasha Demers, Kaiden Evans-Anderson and Keanna Radcliffe, guest skater Kyaira Galea, Skating Club president Cecile Demers. MC Debra McQuinn and arena caretaker Scott Dallaire were thanked with gifts.



Guest skater Kyaira Galea of Tofield performs " A Newfangled Tango."

The Junior Starskaters perform "Beauty School Dropout."

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Peewee Avalanche off to Provincials

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

New skates $200, a new hockey stick $100, a new hockey bag $ 50 - going the provincial finals - priceless. Elk Point Minor Hockey has had a long history of some great hockey teams who have travelled to the provincial final, one gold medal and one silver medal and numerous teams in the semi finals, but it's been a long time now since a team qualified for the provincial final. Three days from now the Peewee Avalanche will be going this to the Big Show, the Stanley Cup of Peewee hockey, the Peewee C Provincial Final held in Redwater; starting on Friday, when they will play at 2:30 p.m. against Bentley. Saturday they play Valleyview and Sundre. The semi finals and final are on Sunday. Let's Go, Avs!

Head coach Darcy Pankiw, his assistants Rick Rybchinsky, Quinton Hunter and team manager Lori Poitras have been working very hard the last three weeks to get the boys ready.

Here are the players' profiles.

Parker Allen - " Michelin Man" - A very smart first year peewee defenseman who studies everything about the game, this no nonsense blue liner takes care of business in his own end first, he plays a clean game and rarely takes chances, has learned how to be tough when the situation arises, his skating and puck handling skills have continued to improve all season.

Christian Castle Wassen - "Crash" - This is his first year of organized hockey and what he may lack in finesse he more than makes up in desire, playing a slightly chippy game, with a bang and crash style; sometimes he is like a shipwreck when cruising up and down the wing, but he scores the odd goal on nothing but sheer effort.

Chase Dorey - "Rink Rat" - When not in school, he can always be found hanging out at the outdoor rink or asking the caretaker for some open ice time. Only in his second year of organized hockey, his passion is to become a better player. Stays calm on the ice, rarely does he panic or take a penalty.

Kaiden Evans Anderson - "K Rock" - A diamond in the rough, digger with tremendous work ethic, a very reliable winger who is smart with the puck and never gives up.

Warren Ference - "Warrior Warren" - A rugged mobile defenseman who plays tough and will battle anyone in the game, very talented skater who likes to join the attack, has a torpedo of a shot from point

Cyle Graus - "Grinder"- A mucker and grinder who's proved he won't be pushed around, isn't afraid to go into the corners and come out with the puck, has a nose for the net and never takes a night off

Submitted photo

Elk Point Peewee Avalanche

Back row, left to right: Darrian Rybchinsky #1, Angus McFarlane #14, Chad Poitras #4, Christian Castle-Wassen #18, Cyle Graus #7, Dustyn Pankiw #16, Alex Hunter #15, Hayden Ludlage #19; front row, left to right: head coach Darcy Pankiw, Kaiden Evans-Anderson #13, Warren Ference #9, Brody Odgaard #6, Corbin Ockerman #17, Nicholas Tucker #21, Parker Allen #20, Spencer Hardcastle #3, assistant coaches Quentin Hunter and Rick Rybchinksy. Missing from photo: Tyler Jamieson #8, Chase Dorey #11 and manager Lori Poitras.

Alex Hunter - "Awesome Alex" - Team captain, natural born sniper who has excellent hands and is always a goal scoring threat, a veteran leader who knows how to win, a wonderful skater and play maker, blessed with imaginative puck handling skills, tricky dekes, head fakes, and changes of speeds that turn defenseman into pylons and is a goaltender's worst nightmare.

Spencer Hardcastle - "Hard Rock" A role player with promising offensive skills, has good hockey sense and passing skills, can handle the tough physical play and is often found in the right spot to score

Tyler Jamieson - "True Blue" - Only in his second year of organized hockey this is proof good things come in a small package, a smooth skater who is improving weekly, he plays a clean game and has come a long way in his short time in hockey.

Hayden Ludlage - "Hot Wheels" - An iron man who loves to carry the puck coast to coast, he works hard at both ends of the rink, a good penalty killer, not afraid to muck it up in the corners and is almost impossible to knock off his feet

Angus McFarlane – "Bam Bam" plays a fearless style, a gritty edged player who likes to hit, has the ability to handle the puck and pass it safely out defensive end, won't be pushed around.

Corbin Ockerman - "Crusher" – A husky reliable stay at home defenseman who won't take any chances that may put his team at risk, always makes his defensive duties a priority

Brody Odgaard - "Big O" – Big and strong, he does a lot of things well, has a ton of talent and a combination of gifts, size, speed and scoring touch, a good two way player who plays physical hockey when necessary.

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Hockey season winding up

Usually at this time of the year the geese start honking and I always think how crazy they are, showing up so soon and looking for some open water. Most years you see them walking around on the ice looking for a puddle somewhere. But not this year, haven't seen or heard a single one and I wonder why? Where are you going to find open water when it's still almost 20 below every night? Old man winter has really hung on; the first official full day of spring is only two days from now on the 21at.

But one other sure sign of spring is here for sure, at the A. G. Ross Arena, where the minor hockey is starting to wind down, in fact there was only one game on tap this past weekend, the last game of the season for the Atom B team who played an exhibition game against Bonnyville here on late Sunday afternoon.

doug **BASSETT**
Review Sports

With some regular team players out of the line up due to injuries and other commitments, three novice rookie's from the farm team, Jadey "the Lady" Capjack, Avery "Whirlwind" Warawa and Odin "the Wall" Smith getting the call to suit up. All three of them played extremely well. Jadey "the Lady" was especially good on the fore check and was on the doorstep with her stick down and ready a number of times looking for a one timer.

Avery "Whirlwind" was a little tentative at first, but she also eventually showed her stuff and by the third period she was also doing a super job of forechecking.

Odin "the Wall" was back at his usually spot on the blue line and never looked a bit out of place, he carried the puck a few times and with his speed back checked and caught the forwards as he usually does. Even though they lost this one it was a good experience for the rookies to see the level they will be playing next year, although hard as it is to believe the "Wall" is still only novice age again next season.

Looking like a the pro she is, Erin Duffee was between the pipes coming up with some fine poke checks, she faced 57 shots in a losing battle. Down at the other end of the rink playing for the Pontiacs, Shayden Kozicky, the son of one of the team members of the gold medal winning Elk Point bantam Lightning, Loren Kozicky, had a shutout.

Tonight, Tuesday, March 19th Elk Point Minor Hockey is hosting it annual potluck wind up party and awards night at the Seniors Center. Also coming up this week on Thursday night from 3 p.m. to 7p.m. you can register for ball at the A G Ross Arena.

And once again this week Mark the "Marksman" Letestu is making his mark, scoring the game winner with another superb shoot out goal this past Saturday night against the Coyotes.

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week: "Every time you're not practicing, someone else is." Last week's answer to: "It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice."- Eric Lindros.

Have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

Peewee Avs

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Dustyn Pankiw - "Dust Pan" - A tireless worker, hardnosed, likes to camp in front of the enemy crease and create screens and battle for rebounds, won't skate away when things get tough, good hands and has excellent passing skills.

Chad Poitras - "Pick Pocket" - The Dean of Speed. An excellent skater with exploding acceleration and speed to burn, always in position, he plays centre or cruises down the wing, an outstanding penalty killer with superb wheels for back checking.

Darrian Rybchinsky - "Dominator" - Goaltender An intense competitor that can handle the pressure, has a burning desire to stop every puck that comes his way, a good glove hand, plays the angles well, has sharp reflexes, quick as a cat.

Nicholas Tucker - "Big Bird" - Big, intimating and powerful, this defenseman will take on anyone who wants to tangle, a wonderful skater who can carry the puck out of his own end with speed and authority, likes to hit, intense competitor, has a deadly slap shot with great velocity.

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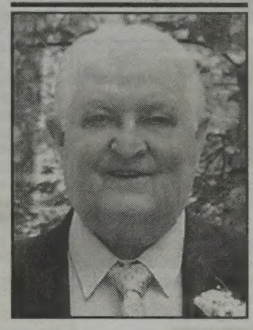

On March 15, 2013, Mr. Philip Sheplawy of Elk Point passed away at the age of 81 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Shauna (Raymond) Lapierre of St. Paul; 2 grandchildren, Michael (Monique) of Calgary & Danielle of Edmonton; brother, Zane (Lois) Sheplawy of Elk Point; sister, Susan (Peter) Kosanovich of Rimbey; numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Vickie in 2011; parents, Mike & Annie.

Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Elk Point Seniors Centre, Elk Point. Reverend Father Mark Sych will be officiating with interment in Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation or Parkview Extendicare c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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By Elk Point RCMP
Review Contributors

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Elk Point RCMP members evacuated the surrounding residences as a precaution and contained the urban residence. Members were able to negotiate their way into the residence where an intoxicated 44 year old male was disarmed and subsequently arrested. The male was transported to St. Paul hospital for a psychiatric assessment.

The brother in law to the 44 year old male was instrumental in assisting the RCMP in bringing about a peaceful resolution to the conflict. No one was injured however the intoxicated male did discharge a firearm prior to police entering the residence.

Charges are pending and the investigation continues. Residents of the community were able to return to their homes shortly after 5:30 p.m.

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McPherson told council that there was a "tough run" where the local detachment had a number of members out sick or injured but has recently recruited some newer members.

When asked about what the county's priorities were for the RCMP, Upham said he would like to see a continued visibility around the lakes and "pretty much keep doing what you've been doing."

Leases

Council discussed land leases a couple times throughout last week's meeting, eventually deciding that when the county decides to sell land that is being leased whoever is leasing the land will have the right of first refusal.

Coun. Frank Sloan said he felt the county should be taking assets a lease holder has put on a leased property into consideration when deciding to sell the property. There are some assets a leaser can't take with them, for example, a fence or a dugout, but these things are required on a property to allow for grazing of cattle.

Giving lease holders the right of first refusal shows that the county is considering the assets, said Sloan.

"We need some answers from the government too," said Councillor Maxine Fodness, in relation to the province announcing a big cut to the funding for the Water for Life program.

Elk Point hospital

Council agreed to send a letter of support for the Elk Point Hospital to Alberta Health Services in response to a nurse shortage that has resulted in the closure of acute care beds at the hospital.

Rodeo Supper

Three different organizations have requested to benefit from the County of St. Paul rodeo supper this year and council decided to split the funds between the North East Alberta Track Club (NEAT) and the Girl Guides.

"These are both kids' clubs," said Ockerman. The other organization that had requested the funds was the St. Paul Animal Shelter.

Provincial tournaments

Council approved funding to the Elk Point Peewee hockey team, the Ashmont high school girls' basketball team, and the St. Paul Peewee hockey team to help cover costs associated with competing in provincial tournaments, as per policy.

Vicki Brooker photos

The Pre-Power Skate group admire Greased Lightnin, above left, the Canskaters were 'Born to Hand Jive,' above, while Sandy and her Pink Lady friends are from the Senior group.

Kaiden Evans-Anderson and Candice Braun star as the 'Summer Lovin' duo, Danny and Sandy.

Paige Skarsen and Kaylee Radcliffe opened the show with a duet to the title song, 'Grease.'

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